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November 15, 2005

**RE: US-191, Over Colorado River Bridge #C-285
Project No. BHF-0191(27)129E
Notice to Property Owners**

Dear Property Owner:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is sending you this letter to notify you that surveys and other site evaluations may be necessary on your property as part of planning for a transportation improvement project along US-191. The limits of this project for the purpose of the environmental process extend from 400 North in Moab, Grand County, Utah, to the recently improved section of US-191 near the junction of SR-279 (see attached Project Location Map). Construction would be phased based on funding availability.

You may have already participated in the scoping for this project, or provided other valuable input to the project team, as part of the Colorado River Bridge Crossing Study (Project No. BRF-0191(23)128). That study established that the purpose of this project is to provide a bridge over the Colorado River that meets current structural design standards and sufficiency rating requirements, improve safety, meet the existing and projected travel demand to the year 2030, and provide continuity between the four-lane sections on either end of the bridge study area.

Members of the Baker team, including our subconsultant (Montgomery Archaeological Consultants), will be supplementing the information obtained during this previous study in order to complete the environmental process. Members of the project team will be conducting surveys and site evaluations that may require access to your property. These evaluations are expected to take place on various occasions throughout the upcoming year; however, the majority of fieldwork is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

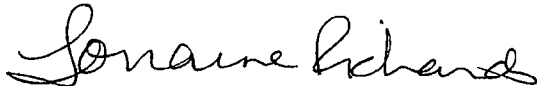
If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the project's Public Involvement Coordinator, Tiffany Carlson, at (801) 352-5995. You may also

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contact Kim Manwill, Utah Department of Transportation, Project Manager, at (435) 893-4734 or myself at (801) 352-5974. Comments may be sent by e-mail to US191ColoradoRiver@mbakercorp.com. Further project information will also be available through the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Lorraine Richards, AICP
Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Project Manager

ac: Project Location Map

cc: Kim Manwill, UDOT Region 4
Project File



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November 29, 2005

David Sakrison
Mayor
217 E Center St
Moab, UT 84532

**RE: US-191, Over Colorado River Bridge #C-285
Project No. BHF-0191(27)129E
Next Phase Begins To Complete Environmental Assessment
Request for Additional Comments**

Dear Mayor Sakrison:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is sending you this letter to notify you that the next phase of the above-mentioned project is underway. This phase will complete the environmental process to allow for the construction of improvements associated with the Colorado River Bridge as early as 2009. The Environmental Assessment (EA) will also look at other improvements between 400 North in Moab and SR-279 (Potash Road), but these improvements would not be implemented until additional funding becomes available.

Stakeholders have already provided valuable input to the project team as part of the Colorado River Bridge Crossing Study. This study established that the project needs to:

- Provide a bridge over the Colorado River that meets current structural design standards and sufficiency rating requirements,
- Improve safety,
- Meet the existing and projected travel demand to the year 2030, and
- Provide continuity between the four-lane sections on either end of the bridge study area.

The bridge study recommendations will be considered further as alternatives are refined and impacts assessed in much greater detail for the EA. The FHWA and UDOT expect to make a decision on the findings of the EA in 2007. A workshop to review alternatives is planned in 2006, and a Public Hearing to review the findings of the EA is anticipated in early 2007.

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Though the project team will start this next phase using information obtained during the bridge study, we want to ensure that a full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and the potential for significant issues are identified. If you have any additional concerns or concepts you would like us to consider in the EA please let us know at this time. There are a variety of ways you can communicate with the project team.

Comments may be e-mailed to:

US191ColoradoRiver@mbakercorp.com

Comments can also be mailed to:

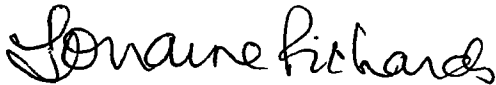
US-191 Colorado River Bridge
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Further project and contact information will also be available through the project website:

www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/

If you have questions, please contact the project's Public Involvement Coordinator, **Tiffany Carlson**, at **Michael Baker Jr., Inc, (801) 352-5995**. You may also contact Kim Manwill, Utah Department of Transportation, Project Manager, at (435) 893-4734, or myself at (801) 352-5974.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Richards, AICP
Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Project Manager

ac: Project Location Map

cc: Jeff Berna, FHWA Utah Division Office
Kim Manwill, UDOT Region 4
Project File

Identical Letters Sent to:

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November 30, 2005

Erin Bell
Natural Resource Conservation Service
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**RE: US-191, Over Colorado River Bridge #C-285
Project No. BHF-0191(27)129E
[formerly Project No. BRF-0191(23)128]
Notice to Agencies, NEPA Process Being Reactivated
Request for Additional Comments**

Dear Erin:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is sending you this letter to notify you that the next phase of the above-mentioned project is underway. The limits of this project for the purpose of the environmental process extend from 400 North in Moab, Grand County, Utah, to the recently improved section of US-191 near the junction of SR-279 (see attached map of study area). Construction would be phased based on funding availability.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and the potential for significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. A scoping letter was sent as part of the Colorado River Bridge Feasibility Study and a NEPA scoping meeting was held on March 3, 2004, at the Grand County Council Chambers in Moab. This scoping process helped establish that the purpose of this project is to provide a bridge over the Colorado River that meets current structural design standards and sufficiency rating requirements, improve safety, meet the existing and projected travel demand to the year 2030, and provide continuity between the four-lane sections on either end of the bridge study area.

If your agency provided the team written correspondence as part of the scoping process, that correspondence is attached. UDOT has contracted with Michael Baker Jr., Inc., to advance the project through the next phase, which will complete the NEPA process. Based on information obtained during this scoping process, an Environmental Assessment is anticipated. Should your agency have additional comments, we would appreciate receiving them by December 30, 2005.

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The FHWA has requested that your agency also provide information on how you would like to be coordinated with in regards to this project, including whether you would like the opportunity to review an advanced draft of the environmental document prior to its release to the public. Please address any additional comments your agency may have to:

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If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact me at (801) 352-5974. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Richards, AICP
Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Project Manager

ac: Study Area Map

cc: Jeff Berna, FHWA Utah Division Office
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOHN R. NJORD, P.E.
Executive Director

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December 7, 2005

Ms. Margaret Patterson
Moab Chapter USAS
Box 40031
Thompson Springs, Utah 84540

RE: Subject: BHF-0191(27)129e; Colorado River Bridge Replacement
Section 106 & U.C.A. 9-8-404 compliance
Project Notification

Dear Ms. Patterson:

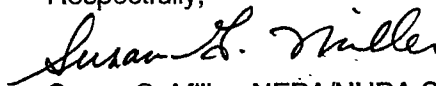
The Utah Department of Transportation is planning to use federal funds to replace the Colorado River Bridge on US-191, just north of Moab, Utah (see enclosed maps). The Utah Division of the Federal Highway Administration is the lead agency for Section 106 compliance, and is in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment for this project. The limits for the current study extend from 400 North in Moab, to the recently improved section of US-191 near the junction of the Potash Road (SR-279). UDOT completed a feasibility study for the replacement of the bridge, and consulted with your office regarding the known cultural resources in that study in July of 2004; no new inventory was done during that phase of the project. Please review the following information, and let me know of any concerns you may have.

The project area begins on the south at 400 North in Moab, where the four-lane highway ends, and continues to Potash Road, where another four-lane section begins. This was recently completed by UDOT in Moab Canyon. The study corridor width is generally 200 ft either side of centerline from 400 North to the Colorado Bridge. Between the Colorado and Lower Courthouse Wash, the study area is 100 ft on the east and 200 ft on the west. Just north of Lower Courthouse Wash to the Potash Road the study area is within the existing 100 ft wide right of way on either side of centerline. Along SR-128 a 1000 ft long by 200 ft wide corridor will be inspected; this encompasses Matrimony Spring. At four other intersections, a 500 ft long by 100 ft wide corridor will be examined. Other lands involved besides UDOT's are under the Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction, Department of Energy lands, and private property. No lands from Arches National Park are in the current study area. The entire area of potential effects will be inventoried for cultural resources by Montgomery Archaeological Consultants of Moab.

Colorado River Bridge
December 7, 2005
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If you would like to continue to be a consulting party on this project, please let me know at (435) 893-4753 or susanmiller@utah.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan G. Miller".

Susan G. Miller, NEPA/NHPA Specialist
Region Four Environmental

cc: (w/out enclosures)
Jeff Berna, FHWA
Lorraine Richards, Baker

Identical copies of this letter sent to the following:

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| Ms. Rusty Salmon Grand County CLG & Historical Preservation Commission HC64 Box 2012 Castle Valley, UT 84532 | Mr. Gerald Haycock Utah Historic Trails Consortium 818 East Hibiscus Avenue Salt Lake City, UT 84094 |
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From: Craig Fuller
To: susanmiller@utah.gov
Date: 12/13/2005 9:47:32 AM
Subject: Colorado River Bridge Replacement project

13 December 2005

Dear Susan Miller:

On behalf of the Utah Historic Trails Consortium, I'm responding to your letter to Gerald Haycock, Utah Historic Trails Consortium, dated 7 December 2005. We would very much like to continue as a consulting party on this and similar projects that may impact historic trails in Utah. A copy of your letter and map was forwarded to a representative of the Old Spanish Trail Association for his comments. As you may know, the Old Spanish Trail was officially designated by Congress as part of the National Historic Trail program.

Sincerely,
Craig Fuller
Secretary
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U.S. Department
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**Federal Highway
Administration**

Utah Division
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December 14, 2005

File: : BHF-0191(27)129e

Ms. Elayne Atcitty, Chair
White Mesa Ute Council
P.O. Box 7096
White Mesa, Utah 84511

Subject: BHF-0191(27)129e; Colorado River Bridge Replacement
Section 106 & U.C.A. 9-8-404 compliance
Project Notification

Dear Ms. Atcitty:

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is planning to use federal funds to replace the Colorado River Bridge on US-191, just north of Moab, Utah (see enclosed maps). The Utah Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead agency for Section 106 compliance, and is in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment for this project. The limits for the current study extend from 400 North in Moab, to the recently improved section of US-191 near the junction of the Potash Road (SR-279). UDOT completed a feasibility study for the replacement of the bridge, and consulted with your office regarding the known cultural resources in that study in July of 2004; no new inventory was done during that phase of the project. Please review the following information, and let me know of any concerns you may have.

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At your request, FHWA and UDOT staff will be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you might have about this project. Please be assured that we will maintain strict confidentiality about certain types of information regarding traditional religious and/or cultural historic properties that might be affected by this proposed undertaking.

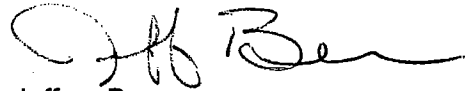


We would also appreciate any suggestions you might have about any other groups or individuals that we should contact regarding this project. If you would like a field review, please contact me at the number below.

A response within 30 days would be appreciated. If you have any concerns, please contact me at 801-963-0078, extension 235 to answer any questions or provide any additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this project notification and any comments you may have.

Respectfully,

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Jeffrey Berna
Environmental Specialist

Enclosures (1)

cc: Susan Miller, UDOT NEPA/NHPA Specialist

JBerna:dm



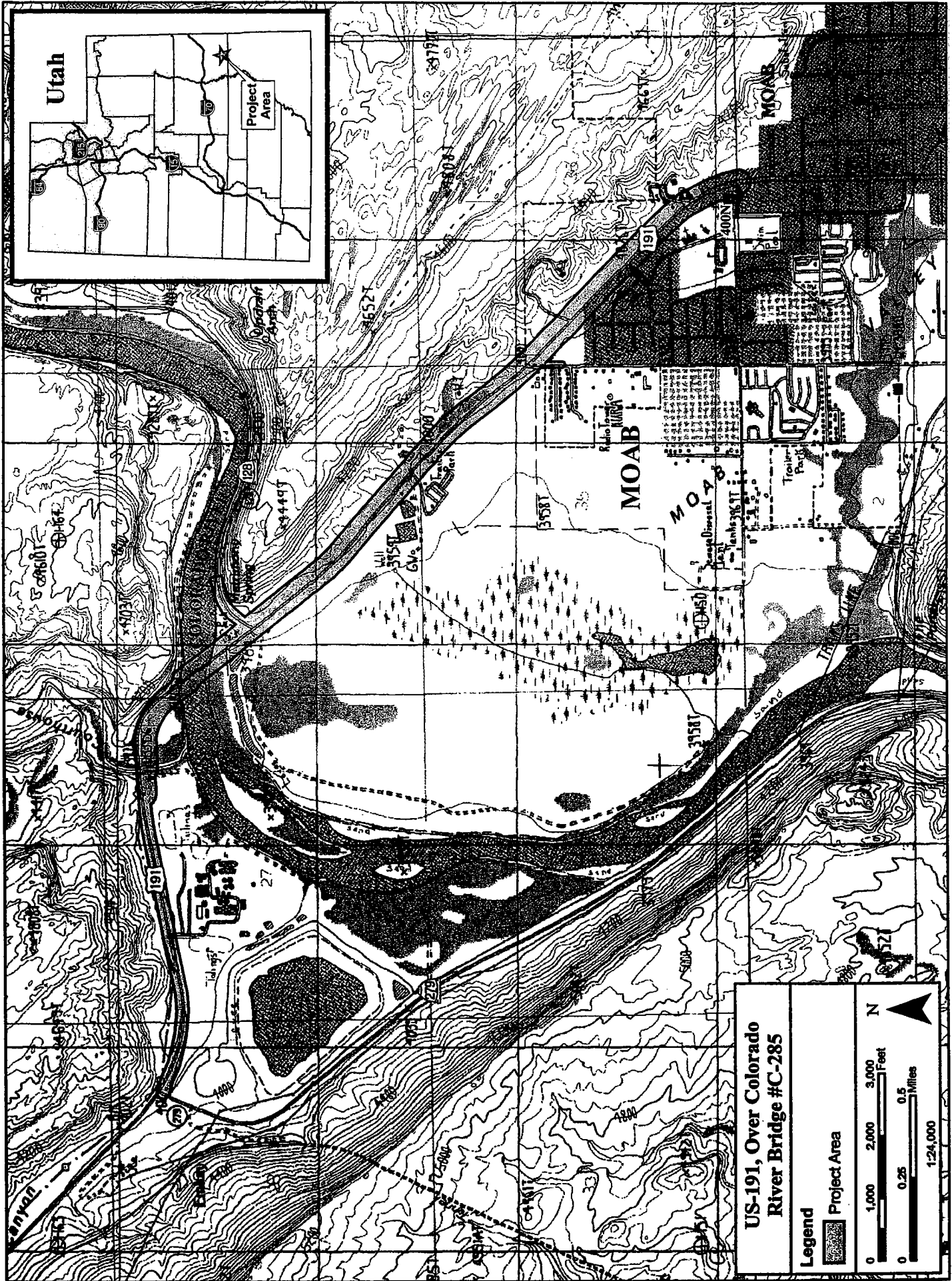
IDENTICAL COPIES OF THIS LETTER SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

Tribal Contacts List For : Project #: BHF-0191(27)129E,, PIN: 4486

Project Description: COLORADO RIVER BRIDGE

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US-191, Over Colorado River Bridge #C-285

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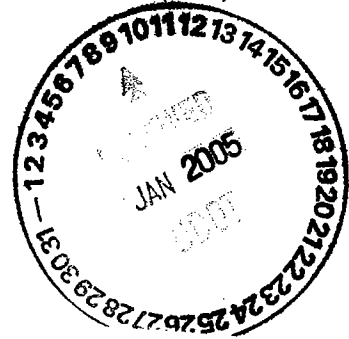
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December 19, 2005



Jeffery Berna
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Dear Mr. Berna,

Subject: BHE-0191(27)12E; Colorado River Bridge Replacement

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is in receipt of your letter dated December 14, 2005 and have reviewed the material have no objections pertaining to the Colorado River Bridge Replacement project. Our interest is not limited to cultural resources but include plants and animals as well as natural springs or other places of cultural significance. At this time we are not aware of any archaeological resources in or near the proposed sites. We appreciate the UDOT's continuing solicitation of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's input and your effort to address our concerns.

Please notify the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah of any cultural information that is found including type and location, also any updates or changes to the project.

Thank You,

Dorena Martineau

Dorena Martineau
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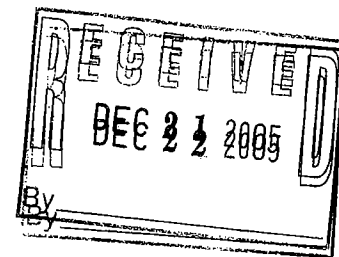
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Public Lands Section



December 20, 2005

US-191 Colorado River Bridge
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SUBJECT: US-191 Colorado River Bridge #C-285, Project No. BHF-0191 (27) 1229E
Project No. 05-5992

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) has reviewed this proposal. State agencies comment as follows:

Department of Environmental Quality/Division of Air Quality

The proposed bridge and highway construction project on US-191 in Grand County may require a permit, known as an Approval Order, from the Utah Division of Air Quality (UDAQ). If any rock crushing plants, asphalt plants, or concrete batch plants are located at the site, an Approval Order from the UDAQ will be required for operation of the equipment. A permit application, known as a Notice of Intent (NOI), should be submitted to the Executive Secretary at the UDAQ at 150 N. 1950 West, SLC, UT, 84116 for review according to Utah Air Quality Rule R307-401. Permit: Notice of Intent and Approval Order. In addition, the project is subject to R307-205-3, Fugitive Dust, since the project will have a short-term impact on air quality due to the fugitive dust that is generated during the excavation and construction phases of the project. An Approval Order is not required solely for the control of fugitive dust, but steps need to be taken to minimize fugitive dust, such as, watering and/or chemical stabilization, providing vegetative or synthetic cover and windbreaks. A copy of the rules may be found at www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r307/r307.htm

Division of Wildlife Resources

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources recently reviewed Utah Stream Channel Alteration Permit Application #05-05-0008 for a proposed pedestrian bridge across the Colorado

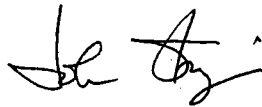
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River only 800 feet from the proposed location of this project. With the construction of each of these bridges, there are potential impacts to the four federally endangered fish species found in the river. These impacts could be reduced if the two bridges were combined into one multi-function bridge.

If you have any questions, please call Leroy Mead, habitat biologist, at our Price office (435-636-0274).

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, Public Lands Section, at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 537-9230.

Sincerely,

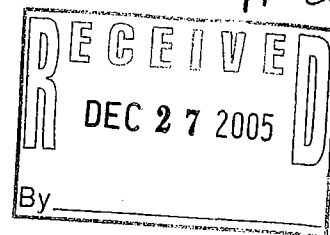
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John Harja
Director
Resource Development Coordinating Committee
Public Lands Section



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December 20, 2005

Ms. Lorraine Richards
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Dear Ms. Richards:

Subject: Comments on Colorado River Bridge #C-285 Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Colorado River Bridge Project located at Moab, Utah. As you know the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is embarking on a major cleanup activity on the Moab (former Atlas mill tailings) site, now owned by the DOE, located south of Highway 191 within the proposed project area. DOE has completed an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and Record of Decision and selected the preferred alternative to move the tailings by rail to Crescent Junction. The EIS is located on DOE's website at <http://gj.em.doe.gov/moab/> and contains a lot of pertinent environmental information that you may find relevant to your study.

Over the next few years, DOE plans to initiate infrastructure improvements that include utilities and improvements and/or changes to the entrance from the highway into the DOE site prior to starting the haul of tailings and initiating a long-term construction project. Traffic will increase into the site as construction workers, supplies, and fuel deliveries increase. In addition, approximately 35,000 cubic yards of debris that cannot be moved by rail will be hauled by truck on Highway 191 to the Crescent Junction disposal cell site, located north of I-70.

A large portion of the highway right-of-way located in your project area from Courthouse Wash to the intersection with State Highway 279 is contaminated with residual radioactive material (RRM) from the former millsite. The RRM is primarily 6 to 12 inches deep. Although it exceeds EPA Standards (40CFR192) for cleanup, it is considered low-level radioactive contamination and poses no short-term risk to workers or the public. DOE intends to remediate the contamination in the right-of-way over the next few years if funding permits. DOE and Utah Department of Transportation have already remediated portions of the right-of-way so that the recent highway improvements were placed on "clean" ground.

In response to your request, DOE would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any advance NEPA documents before they are released to the public. If you prefer, we are

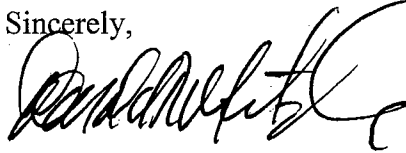
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happy to review electronic files, so that you can avoid the cost of printing and mailing. If you have any questions please call me at 970-248-7612 or Joel Berwick at 970-248-6020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Metzler", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald R. Metzler
Moab Federal Project Director

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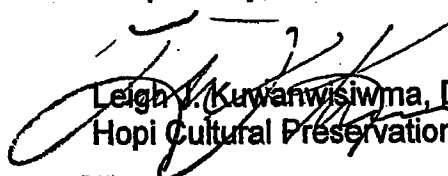
Dear Mr. Berna,

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 14, 2005, regarding plans to replace the Colorado River Bridge on US-191 north of Moab. As you know, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Utah, and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites.

Therefore, in response to your letter, we would like to be kept informed of this proposal and provided with a copy of the cultural resource survey report of the area of potential effect by Montgomery Archaeological Consultants for review and comment.

As you also know, we appreciate the Federal Highway Administration and the Utah Department of Transportation's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


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xc: Susan Miller, Utah Department of Transportation